

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #93:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Hello everyone! This upcoming week there are several smaller esales that I won't mention. I suggest you go to Numisbids and Sixbid and check them out since there are a few diamonds in the rough. I'd like to use this newsletter to discuss some of the upcoming trade shows which I will be attending.

**San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse (Nov 31-Dec 1)**

I will be attending the San Francisco show in less than two weeks. This is the reintroduction of the bourse after a 3 year hiatus. Originally the SF show was a big affair in which most major dealers would attend. It has changed management and locations a few times over the years and while the attendance was always pretty good I think the general feeling among dealers was that it was not a terribly lucrative show. An expensive endeavor for some to fly across the United States. There was a break in the show's management when John Jencek left and no other dealer was willing to take it over. The late Tom Cederlind stepped in and organized the show 3 years ago. With his untimely death just a day or so after the last show, the bourse fell again into uncertainty. Luckily Scott Griffin, a California dealer, has stepped in and brought the show back. He is assisted by Joe Linzalone, the New York dealer and owner of Wolfshead Gallery.

The show is being held at the long time location, The Holiday Inn Golden Gateway Hotel at 1500 Van Ness Avenue. The hotel underwent renovations about 4 years ago and is much nicer than its former self. There is a great group of dealers that will be attending. A few are NAC, CNG, Goldbergs, Mark Teller Numismatic Co., Wolfshead Gallery. The American Numismatic Society will host a lecture on Friday evening titled: "Insights on the Biblical Narrative from Judean and New Testament Coins".

This also an excellent opportunity to preview the upcoming auctions for the New York International. Many of the NY auctions will be showing lots at this show. If you live in or around the Bay Area it is likely your only opportunity to view so worthwhile to consider

since many of these auctions are several days in length and cramming in NY right before can be tedious. The SF Bourse is a smaller affair and really a pleasurable show for dealers and participants alike.

The fires in northern and southern California are horrifying but staying away from the state is not what folks need now. A little infusion of capital is important at a time when California is hurting.

**The bourse times are:**

Friday, Nov. 30: 10am-7pm

Saturday, Dec. 1: 10am-5pm

*I have lots of new inventory that is just waiting to be seen so I hope to see some of you there!*

**The New York International Trade Show (January 4-13, 2019 with bourse activities taking place Thursday-Sunday, January 10-13, 2019)**

This is the show of all shows for ancient and world coin dealers. If you have never been to the NY International and you like coins than this is a show to consider attending. For dealers it is a grueling week filled with lot viewing and auctions with the culmination being a 4 day bourse. For collectors it is an amazing opportunity to meet with fellow collectors, attend some of the best auctions of the year for U.S. coin firms and finally meet dealers face to face while being offered their best material. I can't stress enough the importance of this show for our industry.

New York City isn't inexpensive and January is hardly the time to visit but trust me when I say you will not regret it. I'm including the website for the NY International since there is so much to see and do there:

<http://nyinc.info/>

I'm pleased to be an exhibitor at this show for my second year. When the Waldorf Astoria closed to undergo renovations the show moved to the Grand Hyatt Hotel, located at 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10022, between Park and Lexington Avenues. The Grand Hyatt also enjoys a direct indoor connection to Grand Central Station, the terminal point for commuter lines of the Metro North System. There are also direct indoor connections to multiple stations of the New York City subway system. Generally the show has gotten much easier to attend and there are a lot more options for dealers for socializing after the show. There will be 115 dealers attending this show so I hope to see some of you attending. Please get in touch with me should you have any questions.



### Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/macedon-siris-lete-c-520-bc?rq=gk1249>

**MACEDON, SIRIS ('LETE'). c. 520 BC**

AR Stater, 9.17g (20mm). Nude ithyphallic satyr grasping r. arm of nymph, trying to move away from him; at sides and above, three pellets. Rev. Rough incuse square.

*Pedigree:* Ex NAC 52, 7 October 2009, lot 92

*Price:* \$12,500

Satyrs and their counterparts maenads, also known as nymphs or Bacchae, were mythological adherents of the ancient Greek cult of the god Dionysus. The most essential characteristics of the Dionysiac cult were ecstatic music, dance, and the physical possession of its adherents by the god himself through the eating of raw flesh in a sort of communion known as omophagy, as it was thought that the god himself was present in the meat of the sacrificial animal. The devotees of Dionysus were commonly divided into groups, often with male figureheads, who played the role of the god. The Bacchae were mortal women who became possessed by Dionysus and attained more-than-mortal qualities.

Satyrs were, like the maenads, spirits of nature. They were, however, not completely human, but bore animalistic characteristics, often possessing qualities such as the ears and tail of a horse and the beard and horns of a goat. Satyrs were said to produce and drink wine, and possess a love of dance and music. They are incessantly in a state of sexual arousal and are commonly depicted ithyphallicly, and, as a pastime, pursue nymphs through the woods in an attempt to satiate their sexual arousal on their female counterparts. Their mythic lineage can be traced back to the works of Hesiod, according to whom they are descended from the five daughters of Hecaterus, who wed an Argive princess, the daughter of King Phoroneus.

*References:* Svoronos, *Hellénisme Primitif*, pl. VII, 26. *Traité I* 1566 and pl. L, 5. AMNG pl. XIV, 31. SNG ANS 950

*Grade:* Very rare. An attractive specimen of this desirable issue in superb Archaic style, lightly toned. EF

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rq=gk1249](https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/macedon-siris-lete-c-520-bc?rq=gk1249)

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at  
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Until next week!  
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